

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations

Project Title: Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Initiative

Recipient: Bayonne Community Mental Health Center

Address: 601 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ 07002

Amount Requested: \$496,050

Project Description: The funding would be used to provide mental health and substance abuse services to 420 children and adolescents per year for the next three years and services to 140 individuals already engaged in treatment.

Value to Taxpayer: As a result of treatment, 80 to 90 percent of the additional children served by this program would demonstrate improved functioning at home and school, making them better performing and more productive adults.

Project Title: Bringing 21st Century State of the Art Cardiology Care

Recipient: Bayonne Hospital Center

Address: 29th Street at Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ 07002

Amount Requested: \$1,417,319

Project Description: The funding would be used to replace its existing non-invasive cardiology equipment with new, state-of-the-art equipment.

Value to Taxpayer: This project would benefit Bayonne area residents who depend on Bayonne Hospital Center for their health care needs. It is expected that health status would improve in the community as measured by lowered morbidity and mortality; hospital efficiency would improve as measured by lower length of stay; and overall patient support would increase as measured by patient satisfaction scores and a more financially viable hospital for the community.

Project Title: Carteret Health and Wellness Center

Recipient: Borough of Carteret

Address: 20 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008

Amount Requested: \$2,500,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to construct a health and fitness center as part of the Civic Center Complex. The 36,000 square foot building will house a Physical Therapy center, including exam rooms, wellness room, and training space. Together, the medical services area will encompass approximately 18 percent of the total space. Residents of Carteret will also be able to use the indoor track and cardiovascular areas to improve their health. The cost of the project is almost \$14 million, most of which will come from non-federal sources. The \$2.5 million requested in the FY2010 appropriations bill will fund the direct medical services/physical therapy costs, which equals just under \$2.5 million.

Value to Taxpayer: Further developing the Washington Avenue mixed-use area would provide residents of the Borough a place to congregate and provide Carteret with a new fitness center. Additionally, residents of Carteret needing physical therapy services would now have access to a state-of-the-art physical therapy center. Making health and wellness a significant part of this redevelopment shows a dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of Carteret.

Project Title: Expansion of Pediatric Palliative Care at University Hospital

Recipient: The Circle of Life Children's Center

Address: 274 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ 07004

Amount Requested: \$75,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to fund a bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker to provide support and counseling to highly stressed families of severely ill infants and children. Families would receive information and counseling and urgent resources as needed.

Value to Taxpayer: Palliative care for children is increasingly shown to be cost effective, saving money due to decreased length of hospitalization, decreased number of medical tests, studies and procedures, and increases family satisfaction.

Project Title: Proposal to Build Institutional Capacity in Emergency Readiness, Response, and Recovery

Recipient: College of St. Elizabeth

Address: 2 Convent Road, Morristown, NJ 07960

Amount Requested: \$590,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to continue an expansion and enhancement of the college's technology infrastructure to provide emergency notification, backup computer infrastructure, and power supply in case of an emergency.

Value to Taxpayer: The college's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from an emergency has multiple benefits which range from basic physical safety of individuals on campus to the economic benefits to local, state, and national government that are connected to the institution's ability to continue functioning in the case of an emergency.

Project Title: Proposal to Expand and Enhance the Education of NJ Nursing and Health Care Students

Recipient: College of St. Elizabeth

Address: 2 Convent Road, Morristown, NJ 07960

Amount Requested: \$1 million

Project Description: The funding would be used to continue an expansion and enhancement of the college's nursing education infrastructure.

Value to Taxpayer: This funding would allow the College of St. Elizabeth to better train its students in the Nursing profession to be more effective members of the health care workforce in New Jersey.

Project Title: Statewide Health and Education Evaluation Project

Recipient: Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Jersey

Address: 945 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08618.

Amount Requested: \$600,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to evaluate the effectiveness of Court Appointed Special Advocates in their advocacy for their child's educational and health needs.

Value to Taxpayer: Evaluating the effectiveness of Court Appointed Special Advocates is a particularly good use of taxpayer dollars because it would show whether this process is helpful or where changes could be made to make the program most effective. It would also enhance the ability of New Jersey's child welfare system to more successfully address the needs of its children.

Project Title: Family Literacy Institute

Recipient: Cuban American National Council/NJ Regional Office

Address: 4428-30 Bergenline Avenue, 2nd Floor, Union City, NJ 07087

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to train parents, caregivers, and community-based Literacy promoters in making homes safer and more secure, fostering literacy-rich homes and early learning environments.

Value to Taxpayer: Providing at-risk Hispanic families with support and education to help their children stay in school and to succeed, would help their children lead a better, more productive life than they may have otherwise. The long-term benefits to our economy are endless.

Project Title: Promoting Healthy Behavior to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes in Severely Mentally Ill Individuals

Recipient: Essex County Hospital Center

Address: 204 Grove Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

Amount Requested: \$1,075,000

Project Description: The project would use telepsychiatry outreach and a web-based plan of care to educate and assist community providers to better manage pre-Diabetic patients after discharge.

Value to Taxpayer: Individuals with severe, persistent mental illness are at high risk to develop Diabetes and its complications and co-morbidities, incurring huge additional long-term medical costs to the state and a major toll on their quality of life. The prevention of diabetes would have a twofold benefit: 1) to have a healthier individual and 2) to decrease medical costs for the individual and for the government.

Project Title: Community Child Abuse Prevention Program

Recipient: Hudson County Child Abuse Prevention Center

Address: 880 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to fund a comprehensive, county-wide program to keep children safe from child abuse and provide multi-disciplinary services to victims of severe abuse.

Value to Taxpayer: Child abuse can affect children well after their wounds heal. They are more likely to be a victim of future abuse and suffer in school. Preventing child abuse or future abuse would have long-term benefits to society, including higher graduation rates, lower healthcare costs and improved well-being.

Project Title: NJ School Program

Recipient: Hudson County Schools of Technology

Address: 8511 Tonnelle Avenue, North Bergen, NJ 07047

Amount Requested: \$380,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to create a web-enabled database of integrated curricula, lesson plans, student projects and assessments. Teachers would be trained and students would receive scholarships. Additionally, funds would be used to purchase technology infrastructure.

Value to Taxpayer: Online learning is an emerging trend in elementary and secondary education. Allowing learning to take place 24 hours a day, seven days a week helps students learn at their own pace, and has proven popular where used previously. Making it easier for students to stay in school would benefit taxpayers by increasing earnings potential of their graduates.

Project Title: School Reform Activities at Union Hill High School North and Union Hill High School South

Recipient: Institute for Student Achievement

Address: One Hollow Lane, Suite 100, Lake Success, New York 11042

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to utilize the Institute for Student Achievement Model to create small schools or small learning communities within large high schools.

Value to Taxpayer: The Institute for Student Achievement and the Union Hill High Schools would create personalized and academically rigorous small learning communities within these schools. Doing so, would increase learning and improve student outcomes and would lead to better graduation rates, especially for poor and minority students.

Project Title: Nursing Shortage in Hudson County

Recipient: St. Peter's College

Address: 2641 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

Amount Requested: \$700,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to expand St. Peter's College Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to address critical nursing shortages in Hudson County, New Jersey. Funds would be used to upgrade facilities and purchase necessary training equipment and technology.

Value to Taxpayer: Nursing shortages have threatened the county at a most critical time. As baby boomers age and need more nursing care, fewer nurses are being trained to enter the field. This funding would allow St. Peter's College, founded in 1872, to expand its nursing program to address that shortage in Hudson County.

Project Title: Aging in Place Project

Recipient: Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey

Address: 655 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to support a range of social, physical, spiritual, recreational, health, wellness, and housing needs for older adults in targeted communities by increasing access to information, resources, supportive services, and civic engagement opportunities.

Value to Taxpayer: The United States is experiencing unprecedented growth in its aging population. Every seven seconds over the next 20 years someone in America turns 60 years of age. Communities throughout the country must prepare for this by becoming supportive communities, modernizing systems of care, providing consumers with more control over their lives, and improving their overall quality of life to ensure that they remain at home as long as possible. This project would provide a research basis for how communities can best achieve this goal.

Project Title: Academy for Workforce Empowerment

Recipient: Jewish Renaissance Foundation

Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Amount Requested: \$260,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to augment the Academy for Workforce Empowerment, a recruitment, screening, and "readiness" center for residents of Perth Amboy.

Value to Taxpayer: The goal of this project is to provide opportunities for unemployed or under-employed Perth Amboy

residents to increase their employment potential and overall work skills and to share skills needed to grow in a job once employed. Perth Amboy and New Jersey gain from this project by increasing stable, long-term employment.

Project Title: Diabetes Center

Recipient: Jewish Renaissance Medical Center

Address: 275 Hobart Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Amount Requested: \$750,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to modify their central medical facility to address licensure requirements and to purchase medical equipment relevant to serve their diabetic patients.

Value to Taxpayer: This project would play a key role in not only addressing the wellness and quality of life of persons afflicted with diabetes, but also in confronting the many biological, environmental, cultural, and economic factors that influence what their patients eat and how active they are on a daily basis. Due to the lack of community-based health care within Perth Amboy and the surrounding areas, this project would provide diabetic patients with health information and care.

Project Title: Mammography Center

Recipient: Metropolitan Family Health Network

Address: 935 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Amount Requested: \$284,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to provide critically needed mammography services for the low-income, medically-underserved, predominantly minority, female population of Jersey City and Hudson County, who presently lack access to mammography screening. The project would retrofit an existing building so it can accommodate previously donated mammography equipment.

Value to Taxpayer: Regular mammograms can detect breast cancer early, when it is easiest to fight and before treatment becomes costly. This project will ensure that the residents of Jersey City and Hudson County have access to life-saving screenings and diagnostic tools in a medically under-served area.

Project Title: Medical Records Initiative and Equipment project

Recipient: City of Newark

Address: 920 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Amount Requested: \$750,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to acquire and implement an Electronic Medical Record including a Practice Management Software module to be used by the Department of Child and Family Well-Being.

Value to Taxpayer: This system would improve the city's quality of health care treatment and prevention services by improving the response rate during medical emergencies. Electronic medical records curb healthcare costs and improve health care quality for patients.

Project Title: Newark Public Library Technology Upgrade Project

Recipient: City of Newark

Address: 920 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Amount Requested: \$750,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase computer technology upgrade equipment and equipment for the collections, such as shelving and bins in the North Stack Tower at the Newark Public Library

Value to Taxpayer: Public libraries have long been considered a public good. They provide a service to students who seek more information for their homework projects or for adults needing computer access or books to read. This project would strengthen Newark Public Library, enhancing its resources to the community.

Project Title: Child Forensic Interviewers

Recipient: New Jersey Department of Children and Families

Address: PO Box 729, Trenton, NJ 08652

Amount Requested: \$750,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to staff each of New Jersey's Child Advocacy Centers with at least one trained child forensic interviewer. These interviewers are skilled in conducting a competent interview of the child victim, which is videotaped and/or observed by other members of the team, minimizing the need to have the child subjected to multiple interviews about the traumatic event

Value to Taxpayer: The project would benefit child victims of abuse statewide by ensuring they are interviewed by a trained interviewer as part of a coordinated investigation of the child's allegations.

Project Title: Changing Minds, Advancing Mental Health for Hispanics

Recipient: New Jersey Mental Health Institute

Address: 3575 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 102, Mercerville, NJ 08619

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to provide education and support for Spanish-speaking individuals who are caring for someone with a mental illness. This program would be provided at 15 locations in 15 cities in New Jersey with large populations of Hispanics. Each program would provide education and support to 12 to 20 individuals and aim to provide them with the knowledge and skills necessary to cope more effectively with their family member's mental

illness.

Value to Taxpayer: Research has shown that after completing this program, participants demonstrated significantly greater family, community and service system empowerment and that the effect was sustained. Helping support individuals with mental health and their families in a culturally-sensitive manner would open treatment to more people who need care.

Project Title: The Center for Autism

Recipient: The North Ward Center

Address: 346 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to create a Center for Autism which would offer comprehensive services in one central location for people with the autism spectrum disorder. New Jersey has the highest rates of Autism in the U.S. The funding would cover the cost of training, research, and initial planning of the Center.

Value to Taxpayer: Early diagnosis of Autism and intervention is critical to gain improvement in communication, social, and cognitive skills. Children who are diagnosed early and who get high quality and comprehensive services are able to lead more fulfilling and productive lives.

Project Title: Electronic Medical Records System

Recipient: Palisades Medical Center

Address: 7600 River Road, North Bergen, NJ 07047

Amount Requested: \$7,500,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase IT hardware and software to implement an electronic health information management system.

Value to Taxpayer: Electronic medical records curb healthcare costs and improve health care quality for patients. Directly, this project would benefit more than 34,000 ER patients, 11,000 inpatient admissions, and 48,000 outpatient admissions projected in 2009. Indirectly, 400,000 people residing in the service area would benefit.

Project Title: Emergency Department Community Capacity and Access Renovation Project Phase II

Recipient: Palisades Medical Center

Address: 7600 River Road, North Bergen, NJ 07047

Amount Requested: \$350,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to reconfigure its Emergency Room to increase capacity, improve patient access, and safety, and enhance staff workflow and communication to comply with regulatory standards of high-quality service.

Value to Taxpayer: Access to a fully functional emergency room would have enormous benefits to the Medical Center's service area by providing high-quality emergency care. Additionally, Palisades Medical Center's location makes it a vital component of the area's emergency response in the event of a disaster along the Hudson River, like the Continental flight that landed in the Hudson River, or a widespread disaster in the surrounding key urban areas, including New York City.

Project Title: Nursing Recruitment and Education Program

Recipient: Palisades Medical Center

Address: 7600 River Road, North Bergen, NJ 07047

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to combine professional Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) training with English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) training.

Value to Taxpayer: The Medical Center's service area is approximately 50 percent Hispanic and having a qualified pool of bilingual professional nurses would greatly improve health services in the area and improve the health of Spanish-speaking residents in the region.

Project Title: Providing Colposcopy Services in Perth Amboy project

Recipient: Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey

Address: 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

Amount Requested: \$110,500

Project Description: The funding would be used to support construction and equipment needs related to providing colposcopy - a procedure used in the diagnosis of cervical cancer - as well as for patient subsidies for this service, in their new Perth Amboy health center.

Value to Taxpayer: Providing colposcopy in their health center would eliminate the need to refer patients to other facilities, provide continuity of care for patients, and reduce demand at other medical centers facing unprecedented levels of new patients. Additionally, they offer bilingual services for their patients, which would provide comfort to patients who do not primarily speak English.

Project Title: Electronic Health Records Phase I

Recipient: Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey

Address: 151 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Amount Requested: \$153,036

Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase and install a practice management system as Phase I of

their goal of moving to an electronic health record system. Funding would cover the costs of software, interfaces, conversions, and training.

Value to Taxpayer: This project would support the President's Health Center Initiative's goal of universal adoption of electronic health records by 2014. Electronic medical records curb healthcare costs and improve health care quality for patients.

Project Title: Prenatal Center equipment

Recipient: Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey

Address: 51 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102.

Amount Requested: \$184,750

Project Description: The funding would be used to open a prenatal clinic at the Paterson location to alleviate the gap in prenatal care due to the closure of Barnert Hospital. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services asked Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey to help fill the gap and provide prenatal care to low-risk patients.

Value to Taxpayer: With the closure of Barnert Hospital, 1,300 women lost access to adequate prenatal care. This funding would ensure that women have access to the necessary prenatal care to ensure a safe delivery and healthy baby.

Project Title: Health Festivals

Recipient: Save Latin America

Address: 3510 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, NJ 07087

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to expand free medical screenings to address the existing disparity in health status in the area

Value to Taxpayer: Through these health fairs, county residents, with particular outreach to Hispanic residents, could access an array of health and social services information and obtain free health and mental screenings. Improving health care would mean a healthier population and less expensive medical costs in the future.

Project Title: Smart Classrooms

Recipient: St. Peter's College

Address: 2641 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Amount Requested: \$650,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase modern telecommunications and audio/visual equipment; converting over 30 classrooms into smart classrooms.

Value to Taxpayer: According to the U.S. Department of Education, "In a modern classroom, educational technology improves teaching and learning while also equipping student with the skills needed for tomorrow's workforce." This project would do just that, by strengthening student's abilities to meet and exceed their educational goals.

Project Title: Directed Independent Adult Learning's (DIAL) Mobile Learning Initiative

Recipient: Thomas Edison State College

Address: 101 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to recreate an online experience in an offline environment for students, by providing students with fully self-contained course delivery via small flash drives allowing independent adult learners to learn from any computer.

Value to Taxpayer: This project would enable large numbers of students who have unreliable Internet access, or whose access is restricted, to participate in online courses either through cell phone technology or in a totally offline environment. Making it easier for students to stay in school would benefit taxpayers by increasing earnings potential of the college's graduates.

Project Title: Healthcare Information Networks and Technologies

Recipient: Thomas Edison State College

Address: 101 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to implement findings from a Healthcare Information Network and Technology study. Funding would be used to continue implementation efforts to increase adoption of electronic records interchange and HIPAA standards along with emerging electronic health records.

Value to Taxpayer: Electronic health records curb healthcare costs and improve health care quality. The Healthcare Information Network and Technology study indicated savings in New Jersey alone of as much as \$760 million over time.

Project Title: Nursing Initiative

Recipient: Thomas Edison State College

Address: 101 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to expand their online distance learning programs to their School of Nursing. A number of nursing programs would be offered, ranging in a variety of degrees for students

Value to Taxpayer: The Health Resources and Services Administration at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services projects a nurse shortage of one million Registered Nurses by 2020 across the country. By providing online nursing classes, Thomas Edison State College is making a nursing education a reality for individuals across the country that may not have the ability to attend nursing school but for these online courses.

Project Title: School of Applied Science and Technology

Recipient: Thomas Edison State College

Address: 101 W. State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to develop and deliver programs to address emerging needs of the energy utility workforce in green technology including energy efficiency and renewable energy technology.

Value to Taxpayer: This project would train students in a new and growing field - energy efficiency and renewable energy technology. Not only would this help train residents, it would improve energy efficiency in New Jersey, lowering energy bills for everyone.

Project Title: Emergency Center of Regional Education (CORE) project

Recipient: Trinitas Regional Medical Center

Address: PO Box 259, Elizabeth, NJ, 07207

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to build a Medical Skills Training Program and Wellness Education Resource Center, offering one-stop shopping for health, wellness and medical information, as well as medical training.

Currently, classes are held in a small classroom in the Clark Fire Department and clinical training is held at Trinitas Medical Center. Funding would allow the construction of a new facility where both services could be co-located.

Value to Taxpayer: Offering medical training to EMT's and other emergency medical personnel is beneficial to taxpayers because properly trained first-responders are vital in any emergency. Additionally, a high-profile, convenient health care center would expose residents of Elizabeth and the surrounding area to lifesaving information and empower people to improve their lives. A healthier population is amore productive population.

Project Title: Trinitas Hospital Patient Safety Technology Upgrade Phase II

Recipient: Trinitas Regional Medical Center

Address: PO Box 259, Elizabeth, NJ, 07207

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to advance their electronic medical record program through the introduction of a patient-centered interdisciplinary documentation system that would enhance caregiver communication and patient safety.

Value to Taxpayer: At least 44,000 people, and possibly as many as 98,000 people, die unnecessarily in hospitals each year due to preventable medical records. Advancing electronic medical records systems would help to lower the number of unnecessary deaths in our communities.

Project Title: Technology Infrastructure for the Elizabeth I. Kellogg Building

Recipient: Union County College

Address: 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07106

Amount Requested: \$3,210,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase computer monitors and printers, multi-media projection systems, digital telephone devices, internet access, video surveillance and a security system in their Kellogg Building, recently recognized as a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing.

Value to Taxpayer: According to the U.S. Department of Education, "In a modern classroom, educational technology improves teaching and learning while also equipping student with the skills needed for tomorrow's workforce." This project would do just that by strengthening student's abilities to meet and exceed their educational goals.

Project Title: Transportation/Logistics/Distribution (TLD) Academy

Recipient: Union County College

Address: 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07106

Amount Requested: \$920,000

Project Description: The funding would be used for training and related instructional costs, such as computers, software, teaching supplies, and equipment to prepare students for careers in the transportation industry.

Value to Taxpayer: The TLD industry is a large employer in Union County and the surrounding region. Being able to provide the industry with skilled workers and high-paying jobs would benefit the county enormously.

Project Title: Camp Choices

Recipient: United Cerebral Palsy of Hudson County

Address: 721 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ 07002

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to provide a six week camp run Monday through Friday for children aged 5 to 21 years of age who are diagnosed with Autism.

Value to Taxpayer: The camp provides therapeutic activities and sensory environments that allow children with autism to function at their maximum capability. Additionally, this program gives parents of children with Autism peace of mind knowing their child has a safe place to learn and grow.

Project Title: Alternative Fuel Education program

Recipient: West New York Board of Education

Address: 6028 Broadway, West New York, NJ 07093

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to start a comprehensive Alternative Fuel Education Program where auto shop students would convert vehicles from gas to electric, learn to service electric cars, and study alternative fuels in science class.

Value to Taxpayer: The students of West New York Memorial High School would benefit greatly from both the enhanced educational aspects of the program as well as the hands-on instruction. Students would leave the program prepared to accept positions building and repairing green vehicles, or to pursue further education in engineering, biology and alternative fuels. The Board of Education has agreed to allow the students to begin converting Board vehicles to electric or biodiesel fuel during the second year of the program, which would reduce energy costs for the District.